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SUBJ: PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE-SWISS REACTION TO SUBSTANCE REFTEL

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1. MESSAGE PASSED LANGUETIN, DIVISION OF COMMERCE,
WHO REACTED AS FOLLOWS:

2. SWISS WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE GENERAL LINE OF
THE MESSAGE. LANGUETIN RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS AS TO
TACTICS, HOWEVER.

3. HE HOPES THAT THE AGENDA (PARA 2A REFTEL) PROPOSED
TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE MINISTERIAL OF 27 WILL NOT BE
SO DETAILED AS TO RISK CAUSING THE SORT OF PROBLEMS
WHICH OCCURRED EARLIER.

4. HE IS UNCLEAR AS TO HOW THE CRITERIA IN PARA 2 A FOR
MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSIONS CAN BE RECONCILED WITH THE METHOD OF
SELECTION, OR HOW THESE CRITERIA COULD BE ENFORCED
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BEFORE OR AFTER SELECTION OF MEMBERS. HE HOPES THIS APPARENT

DIFFERENCE CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT CAUSING PROBLEMS SINCE,
IN THE END, EACH GROUP WILL MAKE ITS OWN SELECTIONS,
PERHAPS ON THE BASIS OF OTHER CRITERIA.

5. FINALLY, LANGUETIN WONDERED ABOUT THE WISDOM OF IN-
SISTING, AT THIS POINT, THAT THE MEETING TO RECEIVE THE
COMMISSION REPORTS BE NON-SUBSTANTIVE. HE SAID THAT
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID A SUBSTANTIVE MEETING,
BUT EVEN IF IT WERE DECIDED NOW THAT THE MEETING
WOULD BE NON-SUBSTANTIVE THE ISSUE WOULD ALMOST
CERTAINLY COME UP AGAIN. SO, HE ASKED, WHY PRESS THE
POINT NOW, SINCE TO DO SO COULD WELL MAKE AGREEMENT ON
OTHER MATTERS MORE DIFFICULT?

6. LANGUETIN STRESSED THROUGHOUT THAT THE QUESTIONS
HE WAS RAISING WERE IN HIS MIND TACTICAL, NOT SUBSTANTIVE.
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